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SUBJECT: GERMANY "OUT OF THE GAME" ON INTERNET GAMBLING

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¶1. (SBU) Summary: Germany leans toward favoring a negotiated settlement between the European Commission and the United States on internet gambling to avoid arbitration in the World Trade Organization (WTO). However, Ministry of Economics officials say Germany will not pressure other Member States to accept an offer from the United States that they may regard as providing insufficient compensatory market access. End summary.

GERMANY'S INTERESTS UNAFFECTED

¶2. (SBU) On December 12, EconOff met with Dr. Walter Werner and Oliver Hunke, the respective Head